

Holy Child Prayer 2014

In mystery and grandeur

ALL: We see the face of God;

In the earthiness and the ordinary

ALL: We know the love of God;

In heights and depths

in good times and hard times

ALL: The Spirit of God is moving among us speaking to us words of hope.

Readings: Our Hopes

1. Give me, O Lord, a love full of action; a love patient in labour, exact in daily employments, pure in intention, so that I may ever accomplish the things that are most pleasing to thee. (CC 54:26-27)
2. God grant that we may examine well our works, and labour daily to follow the counsel of Jesus. (CC 54:40)
3. We commit ourselves to explore and live new ways of participating in the ... life of the church. (Adapted from General Chapter 2010)
4. We commit ourselves to work collaboratively to promote the value of the human person. (General Chapter 2010)
5. The Society's mission in the 21st century is more diverse, more inclusive and more expansive than at any time in our history. Among those who encounter the Society's mission are people who experience a personal call to prayer and service and find nourishment, support, and a way of being church in their relationship with us. ... Technology has the potential to extend our presence in the world beyond our usual boundaries. (General Chapter, 2010)
6. Our Incarnational spirituality drives our reverence for creation, our work for justice, our solidarity with those who are poor and marginalized. Our way of living and being mission has evolved in response to the changing needs of the world and our own changing circumstances. (Adapted from General Chapter 2010)

As Trustees, Heads of Holy Child Schools, and Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus we live and work in the hope of the harvest that God has promised. Let us for a moment reflect on this gift and this calling to hope as we pray for the hope we need and the hope we have.

One person from each School lights one candle and in quiet or aloud prays for the HOPE they desire for their school.

A Canticle of Hope

1. Celebrate hope in the midst
in the middle
in the muddle.
2. Celebrate hope in the storm
in the strife
in the struggle.
3. Celebrate hope in the chaos
in the confusion
in the catastrophes.
4. Celebrate hope in the joyful gladness
in the gentleness
in the generosity.
5. Celebrate hope in its pain
in its paralysis
in its poverty.
6. Celebrate hope in its energy
in its exuberance
In its ecstasy.
7. Celebrate hope in its darkness
in its dyings
in its divisions.
8. Celebrate hope in its labor
in its laughter
in its loveliness
9. Celebrate hope in its resilience
in the rigor
in the routine
10. Celebrate hope in all its magnificence,
multiplicity and mystery:
unbiddable, unstoppable, unquenchable.

Pass the story, the myth, the heritage, the mission
It On!

Prayers for the needs and concerns of our schools and our world.

Closing prayer

Hymn

Thou art the Light , the bright and morning Star, In whom we ever live and move and are:
Thou art the Key to treasures new and old, That turn the toil of ev'ry day to gold,
O Holy Child.

Thou Alpha Omega First and Last, In whose eternal love our lives are passed.
Thou art the Christ, the living God's own son; Make us with Thee in heart and spirit one,
O Holy Child